I.C.P.O. Calendar

12-29 February 2004

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I.C.P.O. Calendar (Feb 12 - 29, 2004)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year)
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12/02/2004: Rag, LA5HE, will once again be active from Spitsbergen Island (EU-026) as JW5HE between February 12th and 18th. There will be an emphasis on the low bands and CW. QSL via his home callsign. [Tnx OPDX]

13/02/2004: Look for Glenn, K6NA, to be QRV again as ZD8A from Ascension Island (AF-003) from February 13th to 17th and again from February 28th to March 2nd. He will operate on on all HF bands, mostly CW. QSL via N6CW. [Tnx 425DXN]

13/02/2004: I2YSB (Silvano) reports that he, I2MOV (Flaviano), IK1AOD (Carlo), and IK2DIA (Marcello) will be active from Tokelau (OC-048) beginning February 13th and ending February 25th. Activity will be on 160 through 6 meter CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. The team is looking for your input on your needs and wants from Tokelau, and a survey is available at their Web site at: http://www.qsl.net/i2ysb/ . QSL Manager for DIRECT cards go via I2YSB. QSL Manager for BUREAU cards go via IK2DIA. [Tnx OPDX]

14/02/2004: Francois, F5JNE, and Gerard, F6ICG, will be QRV February 14th as F5JNE/p from the Castle Le Boulet (DFCF reference 89255), in Druyes les Besses Fountaines (Zip code 89560). Activity will be on 40 meter SSB, starting around 07:30 UTC. QSL via F5JNE, direct or bureau. SWL cards are welcome. [Tnx F5NQL]

14/02/2004: Patrick, F6IRF, will operate CW and RTTY as FG/F6IRF from Guadeloupe (IOTA NA-102, DIFO FG-001) between February 14th and 29th. This will be a casual activity with low power and wire antennas. QSL via home call. Patrick will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as FG5BG (category to be decided on the spot). [Tnx 425DXN]

14/02/2004: Look for John K3TEJ, George K5KG and John W4IX to be QRV February 14th to 24th as J79Z (QSL via K3TEJ), J75KG (QSL via KU9C) and J79JRC (QSL via W4IX) from Dominica (NA-101). They will also participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as J7A (QSL via KU9C) as a Multi-2 entry. [Tnx NG3K]

15/02/2004: A group of operators from Uruguay will operate 160 through 6 meters from San Gabriel Island (SA-057) February 15th to 18th. The callsign has not been given, but the QSL route will be via EA5KB. [Tnx 425DXN]

15/02/2004: Andy, AE6Y, will be QRV from Aruba (SA-036) as P40Y between February 15th and 22nd. His activity will include an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd). Activity outside of the contest will be on 160 through 10 meters, including the WARC bands. However, his activity before the contest will be limited because he has a lot of station maintenance to do. QSL via AE6Y. [Tnx OPDX]

15/02/2004: Bil, W8EB, and his wife Dorothy, W8DVC, will be on the island St. Maarten (NA-105) from February 15th through March 21st. Activity will be on 160 through 10 meter, CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Bil's callsign will be PJ7/W8EB. His activity will include a Single-Op/All Band entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest as PJ7/W8EB and a Multi-Op/High Power entry (with K8RLM) in the ARRL DX Phone Contest as PJ7B. QSL both contests via W8EB. His equipment: FT-100D, Averatec Laptop, Ameritron 811H amplifier, WriteLog and DX4WIN software, Cushcraft R-7000 vertical for 10 thru 40, long wire for 80 and 160. [Tnx OPDX]

16/02/2004: Babs, DL7AFS, and Lot, DJ7ZG, will be active from Lord Howe Island (OC-004), February 16th to 27th. The call sign will be VK9LB. Activity will be on 80-6 meters on SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via DL7AFS (direct to: Baerbel Linge, Eichwaldstrasse 86, D-34123 Kassel, Germany) or via the DARC Bureau. [Tnx OPDX]

17/02/2004: Nakamura, JE1JKL, will be active as 9M6NA in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/Single Band (80m) entry. Activity will be from Labuan Island (OC-133) between February 17th and March 2nd. Outside of the contest, look for him on 160 and 80 meters. QSL via JE1JKL. E-mail requests for Bureau QSLs are OK via: 9m6na@jsfc.org . [Tnx OPDX]

17/02/2004: Operators Brian (K7RE), Bob (N4BP), Kevin (K4PG) and possibly other stateside hams will be journeying to Freeport in the Bahamas to do about a 6 day operation prior to, and including the ARRL International DX CW Contest in mid-February. They will arrive and be setting up on Tuesday, February 17th, and will probably be on the air that late afternoon up until the contest begins, the weekend of February 21st. Brian, K7RE, will sign C6ALK and plans to operate as much 30 meters CW as possible before the contest. When 30m isn't open, he will be on the highest WARC band that is open and not being used by one of the other 2 stations in their shack. Look for Bob, N4BP, to sign C6AKQ and be active on RTTY on the WARC bands, and the regular bands if he runs out of QSOs on the WARC segments. He will also do some WARC band CW. Kevin, K4PG, will be signing C6APG and will not be at the site very long, but he should be an easy catch on 10 meters during the contest, possibly he will be doing some CW prior to the contest on the WARC bands. QSL direct or via Bureau to their home callsign, BUT PLEASE PLEASE send an SASE or equivalent. Their home addresses are current on the QRZ.COM Web site, as well as their C6A callsigns. [Tnx OPDX]

17/02/2004: Randy, W6SJ, will be QRV (primarily on CW with an emphasis on the WARC bands) as C6A/W6SJ from the Bahamas Islands between February 17th and 21st. He will then participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22) as C6AWS (SOAB Low Power). QSL via home call. [Tnx 425DXN]

17/02/2004: Bill, N7OU, reports that he will be in HI9-land (Dominican Republic, IOTA NA-096) from February 17th to 26th. Bill will be active on 160 through 10 meters before and after the contest, CW only. QSL via N7OU. [Tnx OPDX]

17/02/2004: Look for UE3SFF/4 to be QRV February 17-22, 2004, from the Mordovsky natural reserve (RFFA reference RFF-060), and whenever possible from the Smolnyj national park (RFF-143). QSL via RU3SD (Vasily Bardin, P.O. Box 1, Ryazan 390000, Russia). [Tnx QRZ.ru]

18/02/2004: Operators Dave (K3LP, Team Leader), Larry (N7DD), Steve (N3SB), Tyler (K3MM), Jeff (N8II), Clint (W3ARS) and Kam (N3KS) will be QRV from French St. Martin (NA-105) between February 18th and 24th. They will operate from Mort's (W1UQ's) QTH at Paradis Peak (1,400 elevation). Each team member will operate with their own FS/homecall prior to and after the ARRL Contest. During the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd), the team will be active as FS5UQ during the contest as a Multi-Multi entry. All QSLs are via www.QRZ.com. [Tnx OPDX]

18/02/2004: Rick, K6VVA, reports that he will be QRV from the U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106) as KP2CW in the ARRL CW DX Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL via K6VVA. Rick will be there between February 18th and 24th. His activity outside of the contest will be on Thursday (2/18) and some on Friday (2/19) - All Bands as they are opening, but also doing setup/testing. He will also be active primarily on CW. The NCCC Co-Founder Rick, K6VVA, emerges from DX/Contest Mothballs after 25+ years and hopes to QSO many old friends! [Tnx OPDX]

18/02/2004: John, W2GD, will be QRV from Aruba (SA-036) as P40W, ARRL DX CW Contest included (SOAB entry) between February 18th and 23rd. Activity will be on all bands SSB and CW, with an emphasis on 160 meters at night, 10 meters during the day. QSL via N2MM. [Tnx OPDX]

19/02/2004: Dennis, K7BV, will be QRV (with an emphasis on the WARC and 6/2 meter bands) as VP5/K7BV from "The Hamlet" on Providenciales (NA-002) between February 19th and 26th. He expects to participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest using VP5M (approval pending). QSL via KU9C. [Tnx 425DXN]

20/02/2004: Look for Rich, PA0RRS, to be QRV February 20th to March 2nd from Penang Island (AS-015) as 9M2/PA0RRS. QSL via PA0RRS, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

21/02/2004: Olli, EA4BQ/OH0XX, will be QRV in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (Feb 21-22) as 8R1K. Around the contest he will be QRV on CW as 8R1RPN mainly WARC and 80/160M. QSL via Olli Rissanen, Calle Ciguela, 331, 28729 Venturada, Madrid, Spain. [Tnx EA4BQ/OH0XX]

21/02/2004: Steve, AK0M, reports that he will be operating C6ASB from the Sand Dollar Villa at Treasure Cay, Great Abaco Island, Bahamas, from February 21st to 28th. This is IOTA NA-080 and Grid Square FL16. There will be some casual all-band operation in the ARRL CW DX Contest (February 21-22nd) after arrival on Saturday, but some antenna work will have to be finished first that will add 30m, 40m and 75/80m capability to the rental QTH. Casual operation will continue throughout the week after the contest on 80 through 10 meters, including 12m, 17m and 30m, also 6m if the band opens. Modes are CW (preferred) and SSB, small possibility also of some digital modes. Station will be verticals and FT857 (100W), also FT817 and Buddipole from the beach. His XYL Sandy, KC0RD, may also be on as C6ASC. QSL via AK0M. For those still awaiting cards from the C6ASB operation in July, the cards have been received from the printer and will go out in the next week or two. Logs will also be posted on eQSL.cc and ARRL's LOTW. [Tnx OPDX]

21/02/2004: Look for Guy, F5MNW, to be active as FM/F5MNW between February 21st and March 6th from Martinique main island (IOTA NA-107, DIFO FM-001). It will be a CW only activity on HF bands. Guy will be QRV at his spare time. QSL direct HC (SAE + 1 IRC or 2US$ - One green stamp

is no more sufficient to cover today the postal fees for a card sent to Americas, Asia or Oceania) or via the French REF bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

21/02/2004: Craig, AH8DX, will be active from French St. Martin (NA-105) as FS/AH8DX in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL via AH8DX. [Tnx OPDX]

21/02/2004: Mathieu (F5SHQ) will be active from the Isle of Jersey (EU-013) as MJ0ASP in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single Operator/Single Band (20m) entry. QSL via F5SHQ. [Tnx NG3K]

21/02/2004: Jim, K1NA, will be QRV from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) as PJ5NA during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/All Band entry. QSL via K1NA (QRZ.com). [Tnx OPDX]

24/02/2004: Look for JA6PSE (Op: JI5USJ, SSB and RTTY) and JA6PSI (Op: JI5RPT, CW only) to be QRV from Takara Island (IOTA AS-049, JIIA AS-049-012) and Takara Shima - Araki Saki Lighthouse (WLA LH-0884, ARLHS JAP-618, WW Loc. PL49od, JCG 46006) between February 24th and March 2nd. Activity will be on 160 through 10 meter CW, SSB and RTTY, running 200 watts. QSL JA6PSE via JI5USJ and JA6PSI via JI5RPT, both either direct or JARL bureau. [Tnx JI6KVR]

24/02/2004: Operators Elza (K4ISV) and Donnie (K4CN) will be active from North Caicos (NA-002), February 24th through March 17th. They will be active as VP5B in the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest (February 28-29th) as a Multi/Single entry. They will also be active as VP5B in the ARRL DX Phone Contest (March 6-7th) as a Multi/? entry. Callsigns before and after the contest will be VP5/K4ISV and VP5/K4CN. QSL both contest operations and activity outside of the contests via N2AU. [Tnx OPDX]

25/02/2004: Tony, N2TK, will be at St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106) between February 25th and March 10th. He will be active as WP2Z during the CQ WW 160M SSB Contest and the ARRL SSB Contest. QSL via KU9C. Before and after the contests, Tony will be using N2TK/NP2. QSL via N2TK. [Tnx OPDX]

28/02/2004: 6Y, JAMAICA. Kevin, WN9O, reports that WO9Z (Mike), W9IU (Don) and himself will be active as 6Y5/homecall from Jamaica (NA-096) between February 28th and March 14th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands. The group will also be active as 6Y8Z during the ARRL SSB Contest. QSL via W9IU (direct). [Tnx OPDX]

28/02/2004: Look for Glenn, K6NA, to be QRV again as ZD8A from Ascension Island (AF-003) from February 28th to March 2nd. He will operate on on all HF bands, mostly CW. QSL via N6CW. [Tnx 425DXN]

29/02/2004: Chad, WE9V, will be QRV as 9Y4/WE9V (QSL via home call) from Tobago Island (SA-009) between February 29th and March 10th. Plans are to operate on all HF bands on CW, SSB and RTTY, and to participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as 9Y4ZC (SOAB HP). QSL 9Y4ZC (for this operation only) via WE9V. [Tnx 425DXN]

29/02/2004: Babs, DL7AFS, and Lot, DJ7ZG, will be active from Norfolk Island (OC-005), February 29th through March 13th. The call sign will be VK9NB. Activity will be on 80-6 meters on SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via DL7AFS (direct to: Baerbel Linge, Eichwaldstrasse 86, D-34123 Kassel, Germany) or via the DARC Bureau. [Tnx OPDX]
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IOTA 2004 LATEST NEWS -

Participation in the IOTA 40th Anniversary Programme, IOTA 2004, continues to increase. During March islands in the BV, BY, 9M2, HS, VK6, 9V and 9M6 areas will count for premium points towards your annual total. Some of the more common groups to qualify for premium points in March include:

OC088 9M,V8,YB7 Borneo (Main Island Only)
AS015 9M2 Penang State Group
AS058 9M2 Perlis/Kedah State Group
AS019 9V Singapore Island
OC090 DU1 Calamian Group
AS053 HS Malay Peninsula West Group
OC002 VK9 Christmas Island
OC003 VK9 Cocos (Keeling) Islands
AS006 VR2 Hong Kong Group
OC021 YB0-3 Java (Jawa) Island (Main Island Only)
OC143 YB4-6 Sumatra Island (Main Island Only)
OC075 YB5 Riau Islands
OC022 YB9 Bali Island

Full rules and details of how to apply (including an automated tracking sheet in Excel) can be downloaded from the Chiltern DX Club (CDXC, the UK DX Foundation) Web page at www.cdxc.org.uk (follow the IOTA 2004 links). You are also encouraged to upload your score on a regular basis - this makes for a more interesting programme, when participants can see how others are doing! Thanks to those who have already done so. Of course, you don't have to be a hardened island chaser to participate in IOTA 2004, though you may well become hooked!

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Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ
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